

Cooperative Education Program-AASU

Cooperative Education is a program that seeks to provide qualified students with opportunities to gain experience related to their major and/or field of interest prior to graduation through **PAID** work experiences. Academic credit is not awarded but co-op participation is noted on the permanent transcript.

The Cooperative Education Program at Armstrong Atlantic State University is designed to allow the student to gain valuable “real-world” work skills while attending college. Co-oping combines traditional on-campus academic coursework with practical on-the-job training through employment in several industries.

The Advantages of Co-oping:

- It presents an opportunity to experience the real world of industry and business prior to graduation
- It serves as an aid in making career choices
- It enables the student to earn money to help defray the costs of an education

Majors Participating in the Co-op Program:

- Engineering/ Chemistry/ Physics
- Liberal Arts
- Math/ Computer Science

Of course, there is a greater demand for some majors than for others. However, the Office of Career Services assists with exploring co-op opportunities for all majors.

Two Co-op Plans:

There are two co-op plans available at AASU. One is the Parallel Plan. This allows for a student to work part-time and continue attending college either full-time or part-time within the same semester. The Alternating Plan allows a student to work full-time one semester and attend college the next semester full-time continuing this rotation until graduation.

To Apply:

Come by the Office of Career Services to pick up an application. After the application is completed, schedule an appointment with the Director of Career Services to discuss your employment plans. NOTE: Although no student is guaranteed a co-op placement, all efforts are put forth to assist applicants, that meet the application requirements, with securing a work site.

Application Requirements:

- At least a 2.5 grade point average. Some companies have higher grade point average requirements
- Completed at least one semester at Armstrong Atlantic State University with 30 semester hours
- Completed application materials
- Provided a recommendation from a major advisor/faculty member
- Must have completed *at least* one introductory class in their major
- Once approved, register for Coop 1000 each work rotation semester

For More Information Contact:

Career Services Office/ Student Affairs Annex @ Compass Point, 2nd Floor

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or visit our website at www.sa.armstrong.edu/careerservices

*Check out additional Co-op and internship opportunities on CareerWeb